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SUBJECT:REQUEST FROM LOS ANGELES SCHOOL TOUR GROUP
FOR EMBASSY VISITS

1. DEPT HAS RECEIVED REQUEST THROUGH NSC CHANNEL FROM
A LOS ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL TOUR GROUP FOR EMBASSY VISITS
IN MOSCOW AND LONDON. GROUP IS LED BY MR. AND MRS.
BRUCE RUSSELL, AND IS FROM BRENTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL IN L.A.
MR. RUSSELL ORIGINALLY ADDRESSED HIS REQUEST FOR VISITS
WITH AMBASSADORS IN MOSCOW AND LONDON IN LETTER TO
ROBERT HARTMANN, COUNSELLOR TO PRESIDENT. DEPTOFF PHONED
MR. RUSSELL AND INDICATED THAT WE WOULD INFORM POSTS
OF HIS INTEREST, BUT WE COULD NOT PREDICT IF POSTS'
SCHEDULES WOULD PERMIT MEETINGS WITH AMBASSADORS. DEPTOFF
SUGGESTED TO MR. RUSSELL THAT EMBASSY BRIEFINGS AND/OR
TOURS MIGHT BE POSSIBLE, BUT MADE NO COMMITMENT.

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2. GROUP CONSISTS OF 8 STUDENTS FROM BRENTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL WITH THE RUSSELLS AND MR. AND MRS. THOMAS GROENER ACTING AS ADULT ESCORTS. TOTAL OF 12, RPT 12 PERSONS.

3. GROUP ITINERARY AS FOLLOWS:

ARRIVE FIRST IN HELSINKI ON APRIL 3, STAYING THRU TO APRIL 4; THEN WILL BE IN LENINGRAD APRIL 5--7; MOSCOW DURING APRIL 9--11; AND THEN FINISH TOUR IN LONDON DURING APRIL 15--17.

4. IN CONVERSATION WITH DEPTOFF, MR. RUSSELL INDICATED THAT GROUP WILL BE FLYING ON FINNAIR TOUR ARRANGEMENT, BUT RUSSELL DOES NOT, RPT NOT, HAVE INFO ON WHICH HOTELS GROUP WILL BE STAYING IN. DEPT WILL ADVISE POSTS WHEN DETAILS ON HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS KNOWN.

5. FOR MOSCOW: CAN

EMBASSY SCHEDULE BRIEFING DURING APRIL 9--11?

6. FOR LONDON: CAN EMBASSY SCHEDULE TOUR OR BRIEFING DURING APRIL 15--17?

7. FOR LENINGRAD: DOES CONGEN HAVE ANY INTEREST IN MEETING WITH TOUR GROUP? IF SO, PLS ADVISE DEPT.

8. FOR HELSINKI: DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ASSISTANCE EMBASSY MIGHT GIVE GROUP IF REQUESTED.

9. FOR ALL ADDRESSEES: PLS ROUTE REPLIES TO EUR/SOV, WHICH IS COORDINATING FOR BOTH EUR/SOV AND EUR/NE ON THIS MATTER. KISSINGER

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